

The Advantages And Disadvantages Of The “3+3+4 System”

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Every summer, we can see the current Form 5 and Form 7 students crying and rushing to find new schools to continue their studies because of their disappointing public exam results. Our former Chief Executive, Mr Tung, said the government would propose a new education policy, the “3+3+4 system”. Two public exams, HKCEE and HKAL will be cancelled. Instead, only one public exam will be imposed under the “3+3+4 system”. The current primary six students will be the first batch to go through the new system. Now, I would like to point out the advantages and disadvantages of the new education policy.

The pressure of teachers and students are surely reduced because students don't need to take HKCEE and HKAL. Nowadays, secondary school life is not an easy life for senior students. Difficult tests and assignments, I am sure that every student is afraid of these sorts of things. The syllabus of senior forms is really wide and difficult. Teachers also have pressure from their teaching. If “3+3+4 system” policy is implemented, students and teachers can enjoy their school lives with more freedom.

Another merit is that there are many new subjects for students to choose, for example, design, I.T. and so on. Students can choose the subjects according to their interests and abilities. These sorts of subjects are absolutely useful in the future. They can find jobs easier. Also, these subjects are intriguing. For those who are not good in academic subjects, they can have a chance to show their talents.

Nevertheless, there are some drawbacks of the “3+3+4 system”. First, the unemployment rate will continuously rise because of the redundant teachers from the new education policy. Moreover, students who can't go to university will start working. Although they have some experiences learnt from schools, the rise in the unemployment rate is a fact.

Money and time are required to change a system. A large amount of money is required to build extra classrooms, laboratories, hostels and so on for the university students. It is because students need to study in university for 4 years. And now, there are some teachers and parents who still can't accept this new policy. Time for training teachers is also needed. They need to learn new subjects and acquire new teaching methods and some of them may think the new system is unacceptable.

In my point of view, the change is ambitious, but it is necessary. Expensive as it seems, it is worthwhile because students can have better job opportunities when they are ready to contribute to the society. Hong Kong students will have a brilliant future and Hong Kong will be a more successful international city.

Teachers' Feedback : This essay is well-balanced and you make very good points. You describe the current situation well and use it effectively to launch your argument, which examines both pros and cons of the proposal system. (Mr. Elvin Tao & Miss Ruth Wong)

Food For Thought : Does the "3+3+4 system" do any harm to students?

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